



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

DATE: October 12, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0087

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: Unknown Subject – Pressure of EPA Ethics Officials Regarding Administrator Pruitt’s Condo Rental

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Washington, DC	N/A

ALLEGATIONS:

On April 9, 2018, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics and addressed to Minoli. Pursuant to this memorandum, a case was opened to administratively investigate the following allegation: Were EPA Agency Ethics Officials improperly pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator Pruitt’s condominium rental.

FINDINGS:

OI interviewed potential victims, who stated that they did not feel pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator Pruitt’s condominium rental. OI reviewed records, which did not reveal any apparent, pressure-related communications placed on EPA Agency Ethics Officials regarding their opinions of the condominium rental.

DISPOSITION: Not supported. Closed.

The United States Attorney’s Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, declined prosecution of this investigation based upon the facts presented.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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DATE: AUGUST 29, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0143

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SES, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE SUMMARY REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Atlanta, GA	N/A

COMPLAINT:

This investigation was initiated on August 23, 2017, based upon information relayed to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) alleging misconduct by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SES, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The complaint alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (1) promoted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) based upon an improper relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (2) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attended a gathering in January 2017 where contractors paid for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) meal; and, (3) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) accepted gifts from EPA employees or contractors.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

The OIG, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) determined that the allegations were not supported. However, OPR found a discrepancy during the investigation. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attended a retirement gathering for a colleague. OPR conducted interviews with other attendees of the gathering who reported that the gathering was in honor of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) birthday. A Final Summary Report was provided to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

On August 3, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, responded to the foregoing Final Summary Report stating that, based upon the report, no further action was warranted.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no additional investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.

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DATE: October 12, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0078

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: Dravis, Samantha, SES, Associate Administrator, OA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Samantha Dravis	Washington, DC	N/A

ALLEGATIONS:

On April 5, 2018, the Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a letter, dated March 28, 2018, from Tom Carper, Senator, Committee on Environment and Public Works, United States Senate. The letter requested that the OIG conduct a review of the time and attendance of Administrator [Scott] Pruitt's political staff. Specifically, the letter referenced Samantha Dravis (Dravis), SES, Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, EPA, Washington, DC, and alleged that Dravis did not attend work or perform her duties during the months of November 2017 - January 2018. During the course of the investigation, it was also alleged that Dravis had subordinates conduct menial tasks.

FINDINGS:

The Office of Investigation (OI) interviewed witnesses, who stated that the employee was often in their EPA office and attended meetings during that time frame. Witnesses also stated that the employee did not have subordinates conduct menial tasks. OI interviewed the subject, who denied both allegations. Investigators reviewed records, which revealed that the employee worked during the time specified. The allegations were not supported.

DISPOSITION: Not supported. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, declined prosecution of this investigation based upon the facts presented.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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1445 ROSS AVENUE
DALLAS, TX 75202

CASE #: OI-DA-2018-THT-0103

CROSS REFERENCE #: 2018-0284

TITLE: OCCUPY WALL STREET, ET AL

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): Interviewee

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
FINAL SUMMARY REPORT**

NARRATIVE:

On June 6, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Dallas, Texas, received an email regarding a Twitter tweet threatening Scott Pruitt, EPA Administrator. The tweet originated from "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)" on or about 10:27AM, June 4, 2018. There appeared to be 13 "retweets" and 10 "likes." The contents of the tweet are as follows: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) "The potential violation is, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C 875 (Interstate Communication). This was a joint investigation with the FBI in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On June 6, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OI, briefed Assistant United States Attorney/Criminal Chief, (AUSA) Allen Litchfield, Department of Justice, Northern District of Oklahoma, regarding the facts of this investigation.

(b) (5)

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September 6, 2018

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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
Interviewee

DRAFTED DATE:
September 6, 2018

AGENT(S):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On June 11, 2018, FBI Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

Thus, no federal violations were committed.

On or about June 22, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke to AUSA Shannon Cozzoni, who suggested if a subject/target is identified, she will proceed. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined, after speaking to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA OIG, OI, OPR, that the (b) (7)(E)

This investigation is closed.

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DATE OF ACTIVITY:
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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
Interviewee

DRAFTED DATE:
September 6, 2018

AGENT(S):
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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75 Hawthorne Street, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

DATE: October 15, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-SA-2018-THT-0110

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ANTIOCH, CA: THREATENING EMAILS TO EPA
ADMINISTRATOR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Antioch, CA	

VIOLATIONS:

18 USC § 875(c): Interstate Communications

ALLEGATION: On June 12, 2018, an investigation was initiated based on the determination that threatening emails submitted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Antioch, CA, were of a nature requiring further investigative action. The emails received by the EPA reference people on their way to bring harm to Scott Pruitt, (now former) Administrator, EPA, and his family.

FINDINGS: The EPA-OIG Office of Counsel determined (b) (5). The information in the emails and a background of (b) (6) was presented to the US Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Northern District of California, San Francisco, California, who (b) (5) the statements were not protected speech, and but could be construed as possible threats. (b) (6) was interviewed and admitted to being a recovering drug addict, and dealing with mental health problems, to include suicidal tendencies. (b) (6) admitted to having sent the threatening emails, but denied having knowledge of who was referenced as being en route to harm Pruitt and his family.

DISPOSITION: The findings were provided to the USAO for prosecution consideration. The case was declined (b) (5), (b) (7)(E). EPA Region 9 issued a bar notice for (b) (6), (b) (7). No further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

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DATE: AUGUST 10, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0078

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) : TWITTER USER TWEETS A THREAT TO THE EPA ADMINISTRATOR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Possibly India (South Asia)	Twitter

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. 875- Interstate Communications

ALLEGATION:

On March 14, 2017, the Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations (OI), was notified of a threatening Twitter tweet @ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated @EPAScottPruitt: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

SUMMARY:

Based on the above threat, an OIG Special Agent made an Emergency Disclosure request to Twitter Inc. In response to the OIG Special Agents request, Twitter provided Internet Protocol Addresses (IP) which were traced to Tata Communications in New Delhi, India. Additional investigative steps revealed the following: 1). a person using the name of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent the threatening tweet to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (former Administrator) and 2). (b) (6) was a former college student at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

DISPOSITION:

The allegation is "Supported". (b) (6) resides outside of the United States and this case was not prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office.

Based on the location of (b) (6), the recommendation is for the case to be closed pending new leads and/or developments.



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DATE: JULY 26, 2017

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0095

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: INCIDENT AT MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	WASHINGTON D.C.	

VIOLATION:

DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful entry on property.

ALLEGATION:

On April 7, 2017, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), initiated a criminal investigation after receiving a complaint that two unknown protestors attempted to disrupt EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's speech during a closed conference held by the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington D.C.

FINDINGS:

Concerning the allegation that the unidentified protestors violated DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful Entry on Property, there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that the unidentified individuals violated DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful Entry on Property.

On April 19th, 2017, during an interview with OI Special Agents, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the unidentified individuals who disrupted Administrator Pruitt's speech did not register for the event or pay the registration fee of \$700.00 to \$900.00 to attend the event.

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DISPOSITION:

On May 8, 2017, the facts of the case were presented to the Misdemeanor Section, District of Columbia, United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for criminal violations of DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful entry on property. After being presented with the facts, the USAO declined prosecution (b) (5), (b) (7)(E).

Based upon the foregoing and in consultation with the Office of Counsel, OIG EPA, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.



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DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

COMPLAINT #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0116

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SES, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE SUMMARY REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

BACKGROUND:

On June 28, 2018, the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received an EPA Office of Inspector General Hotline complaint alleging employee misconduct by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Specifically, it was alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) forced employees of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office to pay for monthly office birthday parties, awards ceremonies and other social functions that the office sponsored and conducted. In addition, it was alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided cash performance awards to employees as a way to reimburse them for items and personal money used for such events.

FINDINGS:

Concerning the allegations that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) forced employees to use personal money for office parties and functions, and in return provided cash awards as reimbursement, there was not sufficient evidence to support the allegations.

DISPOSITION:

Based upon the foregoing, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.



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DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0105

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: EPA EMPLOYEES DOWNLOADING AND/OR USING SIGNAL ENCRYPTED
MESSAGING APPLICATION ON EPA ISSUED MOBILE DEVICES

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

VIOLATION:

EPA Records Policy
Federal Records Act of 1950

ALLEGATION:

On February 2, 2017, The Washington Times published an article: Lawsuit demands EPA say if employees using encrypted messages to evade open-records laws. The article alleged unnamed EPA employees had downloaded and used unauthorized encryption applications on their EPA devices in violation of EPA policy, and failed to comply with the FRA, by not maintaining official EPA records. On February 3, 2017, Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), EPA, referred these allegations for investigation via the OIG Hotline. The Office of Investigations (OI) identified and investigated the following allegation: Did EPA employees (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA use the Signal mobile device application to communicate official EPA business in violation of EPA policy and/or the Federal Records Act (FRA).

FINDINGS:

Based upon the OI's investigation, no evidence was found to support the allegation that the Signal application was being used by EPA employees on their EPA issued mobile devices to purposely circumvent the applicable Federal record retention rules. However, the evidence supported the finding that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) either knowingly or unknowingly, violated EPA policy which restricts the downloading of applications onto EPA devices not approved by the EPA's Office of Environmental Information (OEI).

DISPOSITION:

Regarding the allegation against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), on April 9, 2018, the EPA provided a response memo to the OIG indicating that the EPA declined to take administrative action against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Regarding the allegation against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), on April 30, 2018, the (b) (6) provided an email response to the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicating that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was verbally counseled for downloading an unauthorized application to (b) (6) EPA issued iPhone.

Based upon the foregoing, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.



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DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

COMPLAINT#: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0033 **CROSS REFERENCE #:**

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: THREATENING EMAIL SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Unknown	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@yahoo.com

ALLEGATION:

On October 24, 2017, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a hotline complaint alleging that an unknown individual using a yahoo email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@yahoo.com" emailed a concerning message to the EPA Administrator's official government email address.

SUMMARY:

On December 11, 2017, per a request from the OIG, (b) (7)(E) reported no record on file for the email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@yahoo.com.

On December 19, 2017, per a request from the OIG, (b) (7)(E) In response to the subpoena, Oath Holdings informed OIG agents that the user account (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@yahoo.com, is not a valid Yahoo email address or Yahoo identification at this time.

On June 28th, 2018, the Office of Counsel (OC), OIG, EPA, provided a legal analysis which stated (b) (5)

DISPOSITION: Based upon the totality of the circumstances, the foregoing allegation is inconclusive. There are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure. If additional facts become available, the OIG will review and take appropriate investigatory action.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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DATE: October 02, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0032

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

EPA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	WASHINGTON, DC	

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S. Code § 875 – Interstate Communications

ALLEGATION: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), made threatening comments about female co-workers on multiple social media platforms, specifically multiple Facebook Pages.

FINDINGS: Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), EPA, opened an investigation into the matter at the direction of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OI, OIG, EPA. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted a review of the Facebook postings and interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) lawyer present. In the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted to the Facebook postings, but stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not mean to scare anyone, nor did (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ever intend to cause physical harm to any of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) co-workers.

DISPOSITION: The facts of a threat investigation under 18 U.S. Code § 875 - Interstate communications, regarding the actions of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were presented to Elisabeth Dewar (Dewar), Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Special, National Security Section, Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the District of Columbia (DC), Department of Justice. AUSA Dewar, declined prosecution in the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) investigation, because (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Based upon the aforementioned, there are no remaining investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure with no further action. Should new information become available, the EPA-OIG retains the right to re-open the investigation.

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DATE: November 8, 2018

PREPARED BY: Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0075

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): Threatening Voicemail Message on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Personal Cell Phone

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Maryville, MO	

ALLEGATION:

An individual, identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) left a threatening voice mail on the personal cell phone of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Scott Pruitt, Former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) message was captured on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voicemail.

SUMMARY:

On March 30, 2018, Office of Inspector General (OIG) special agents received information that the telephone number of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was associated with the person who left the threatening voicemail on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voicemail. This phone number was associated with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who resided at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

On April 19, 2018, OIG special agents from the Chicago Field Office, travelled to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted Mr. Pruitt a little while back and left him a voicemail and that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was just mad at the damage Pruitt was doing to the environment, but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would never hurt Pruitt.

DISPOSITION:

The threat allegation is "Supported". However, the Assistant United States Attorney, National Security Division, United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, declined prosecution. Based upon the fore-mentioned information, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.

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